

## 2011 Virginia Youth Survey Survey Summary

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The 2011 Virginia Youth Survey (VYS) was completed by 1440 students in 36 public high schools in Virginia during the fall of 2011. The school response rate was 97%, the student response rate was 64%, and the overall response rate was 62%. The results are representative of all students in grades 9-12.

The weighted demographic characteristics of the sample are as follows:

Female	49.0%	9th grade	26.9%	Black*	24.4%
Male	51.0%	10th grade	25.4%	Hispanic/ Latino	10.0%
		11th grade	24.0%	White*	56.1%
		12th grade	23.5%	All other races	4.4%
		Other	0.2%	Multiple races	5.1%

Students completed a self-administered, anonymous, 96-item questionnaire. Survey procedures were designed to protect the privacy of students by allowing for anonymous and voluntary participation. Local parental permission procedures were followed before survey administration.

The Virginia Youth Survey is funded through a five year cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and was developed in collaboration with representatives of state and local prevention coalitions, health and education organizations. Virginia's Youth Survey measures behaviors that fall into five categories:

1. Behaviors that result in unintentional injuries and violence;
2. Tobacco use;
3. Alcohol and other drug use;
4. Dietary behaviors; and
5. Physical activity.

The VYS also measures asthma and self-reported height and weight to allow calculation of body mass index for assessment of overweight and obesity. More information about the Virginia Youth Survey can be obtained from <http://www.vahealth.org/youthsurvey>.

\*Non-Hispanic.